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ATTACHMENT 1
CLEAN VERSION OF CLAIMS

1. (Twice Amended) A portable computing device comprising:

a housing having top and bottom portions connected by a hinge, said top and bottom housing portions having an inwardly facing surface, an outwardly facing surface and a peripheral edge said outwardly facing surface having a central planer surface bordered by a pair of raised lateral side edges;

a set of keys disposed on an inwardly facing surface of said bottom portion;

a display screen disposed on an inwardly facing surface of said top portion; and

a leather grain layer disposed between said pair of raised lateral side edges on said central planer surface.

2. (Unchanged) The portable computing device of claim 1, wherein said leather grain layer is disposed on a major portion of said outwardly facing surface of said top portion of said housing.

3. (Unchanged) The portable computing device of claim 1, wherein said leather grain layer comprises a random grain pattern.

4. (Amended) The portable computing device of claim 1, wherein said outwardly facing surface of said top portion of said housing comprises at least one of said pair of lateral side edges has a surface area less than the surface area of said leather grain layer.

5. (Amended) The portable computing device of claim 4, wherein said at least one of said pair of lateral side edges is smoother in texture than said leather grain layers.

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6. (Unchanged) The portable computing device of claim 1, wherein said leather grain layer is located at least on a substantial portion of said outwardly facing surface of said top portion of said housing.

7. (Unchanged) The portable computing device of claim 1, wherein said leather grain layer comprises natural or synthetic leather.

C3 8. (Twice Amended) A portable computing device comprising:

a housing having top and bottom shell portions hingedly connected along a rear edge of said shell portions, each of said shell portions having an outwardly facing surface and an inwardly facing surface, said inwardly facing surfaces facing one another when said top and bottom shell portions are swivelled along said hinge into a closed position, said top shell portion having disposed thereon a pair of raised side edge portions;

a set of keys located on said inwardly facing surface of said bottom shell portion;

a display screen located on said inwardly facing surface of said top shell portion; and

a leather grain layer disposed between said pair of raised side edge portions on an outwardly facing surface of said top shell portion.

9. (Unchanged) The portable computing device of claim 8 wherein said leather grain layer comprises natural leather.

C4 10. (Amended) The portable computing device of claim 8 wherein said side edge portions do not exhibit a leather grain.

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11. (Unchanged) A portable computing device comprising:

a housing having top and bottom shell portions hingedly connected proximate to a rear edge region of said shell portions, each of said shell portions having an outwardly facing surface and an inwardly facing surface, said inwardly facing surfaces facing one another when the top and bottom shell portions are swiveled along said hinge into a closed position;

a set of keys located on an inwardly facing surface of said bottom shell portion;

a display screen located on an inwardly facing surface of said top shell portion;

and

a leather grain layer disposed on an outwardly facing surface of said top shell portion; said top shell portion comprising a pair of raised lateral side edge portions bordering said leather grain layer on opposing sides of said top shell portion, said raised lateral side edge portions configured to help in protecting an edge of the leather grain layer from being damaged or delaminated due to heavy use or contact with hard surfaces.

12. (Unchanged) The portable computing device of claim 11 wherein said leather grain layer is disposed directly onto said outwardly facing surface of said top shell portion, without any intermediate structural layers.

13. (Unchanged) The portable computing device of claim 11 wherein said portable computing device comprises a hand-held or palmtop computing device.

14. (Unchanged) The portable computing device of claim 11 wherein said raised lateral side edge portions comprise a smooth surface.

15. (Unchanged) The portable computing device of claim 11 wherein said raised lateral side edge portions comprise a top surface which is at least substantially coplanar

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with said leather grain layer and a side surface which is coextensive with the lateral sides of said outwardly facing surface of said top shell portion.

16. (Unchanged) The portable computing device of claim 11 wherein said leather grain layer comprises natural or synthetic leather.

17. (Unchanged) The portable computing device of claim 13 wherein said hand-held or palmtop computing device comprises a speaker or microphone.

18. (Unchanged) The portable computing device of claim 13 wherein said top shell portion comprises a curved edge or corner.

19. (Unchanged) The portable computing device of claim 12 wherein said leather grain layer is applied to said outwardly facing surface of said top shell portion by adhesive, heat sealing or ultrasonic welding.

20. (Unchanged) The portable computing device of claim 11 wherein said leather grain layer provides a better tactile feel for greater gripping capability.